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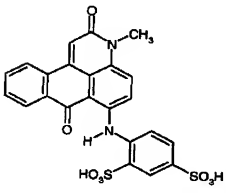
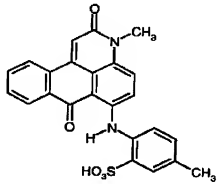
AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. A mixture comprising ~~the~~ dyes according to ~~C.I. Acid Red 82~~ (formula IIb[(I)]and ~~C.I. Acid Red 80~~ (formula IIc[(I)]):



(IIb)



(IIc)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A mixture~~ The mixture according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the weight ratio of (IIb) to (IIc) is in the range from 99:1 to 1:99~~, preferably in the range from 98:2 to 50:50, especially in the range from 96:4 to 70:30, and most preferably in the range from 95:5 to 85:15~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The mixture according to claim 1 wherein ~~Mixtures according to at least one of claims 1 to 2, characterized in that~~ the dyes ~~mentioned~~ are present in the form of their salts~~, the cations used being sodium, lithium, ammonium, tetraalkylammonium, trialkanolammonium, and/or alkyldialkanolammonium~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The mixture according to claim 1 wherein the mixture is present in an ~~An~~ aqueous solution ~~comprising a mixture according to at least one of claims 1 to 3~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The mixture according to claim 4 wherein ~~An aqueous solution according to claim 4, characterized in that~~ the dyes according to formula (IIb) and formula (IIc) comprise 90% to 100% by weight of the total amount of dye present in the mixture ~~quantity consists of dyes of the formulae (IIb) and (IIc),~~

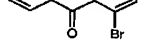
6. (Currently Amended) The mixture according to claim 4 wherein ~~An aqueous solution according to one of claims 4 to 5, characterized in that~~ the amount of dye ~~dye fraction of the dyes (IIb) and (IIc) is in the~~ present in the aqueous solution ranges ~~range~~ from 0.01% to 15.0% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous solution.

7. (Currently Amended) The mixture according to claim 4 further comprising one or more organic solvents in an amount ranging from ~~An aqueous solution according to at least one of claims 4 to 6, characterized in that it contains~~ 0% to 50% by weight ~~and preferably 15% to 40% by weight of organic solvents~~.

8. (Currently Amended) A process for producing mixtures according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising:

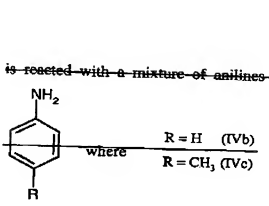
a) mixing together ~~the~~ dyes according to the formula ~~of the formulae~~ (IIb) with dyes according to the formula ~~and~~ (IIc). ~~are mixed with each other, or~~

~~b) a compound of the formula (III)~~

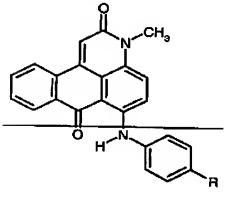


(III)

~~is reacted with a mixture of anilines of the formulae (IVb) and (IVc)~~



~~and the resulting mixture of compounds of the formulae (Vb) and (Ve)~~



R = H (Vb)

R = CH_3 (Vc)

~~is sulfonated, or~~

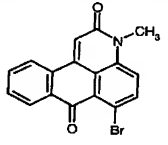
~~c) the compounds of the formulae (Vb) and (Ve) are separately prepared and conjointly sulfonated.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~Use of the aqueous solution according to at least one of claims 4 to 7 as a~~ recording fluid ~~(an ink)~~ for use with ink jet printing comprising the mixture according to claim 4.

10. (New) The mixture of claim 3 wherein the cations forming the salts of the dyes are selected sodium, lithium, ammonium, tetraalkylammonium, trialkanolammonium, and/or alkyldialkanolammonium.

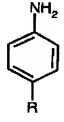
11. (New) The process of claim 8 wherein the mixing comprises:

a. reacting a compound of formula (III):



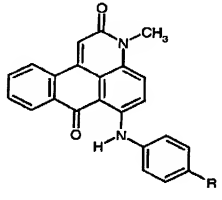
(III)

with one or more anilines of formula (IVb) and (IVc):



where R = H (IVb)
R = CH_3 (IVc)

to produce a mixture of compounds of formula (Vb) and (Vc):



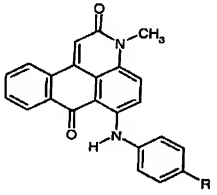
R = H (Vb)
R = CH_3 (Vc)

and

b. sulfonating the compounds according to formula (Vb) and (Vc) thereby producing a mixture of compounds according to formula (IIb) and formula (IIc).

12. (New) The process of claim 8 wherein the mixing comprises:

a. separately preparing compounds according to formula (Vb) and formula (Vc):



R = H (Vb)

R = CH_3 (Vc)

b. mixing compounds according to formula (Vb) with compounds of formula (Vc) together, and

c. sulfonating the mixture of compounds according to formula (Vb) and (Vc) thereby producing a mixture of compounds according to formula (IIb) and (IIc).